

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 16, 2004

REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, Board Chair Guy Gibson opened the meeting to the public for the Board to review the following Board policies under Consent Agenda 7.3:

- 7.3.4 EEBA, *District Vehicles*: – It was suggested by several Board members to delete the first sentence, and incorporate the reference “purchase” into the second sentence.

- 7.36 IGBAJ, *Special Education – Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)* - Policy withdrawn from Consent Agenda. Guy Gibson suggested the language be verified for accuracy with Sondra Strong and OSBA before further discussion.

- 7.3.8 IGD, *Extracurricular Activities and Athletics* – Rod Beck suggested changing the term “extra-curricular” to “co-curricular” for consistency with our student handbook, and reword the phrase “which that work connotes” to “and associated professional responsibilities.”

- 7.3.9 II, *Instructional Resources and Materials* – Rod Beck suggested the first sentence of the second paragraph be rewritten for clarity that textbooks used are based on the approved adoptions from Oregon Department of Education.

Discussion continued for Board policy offered in 1st reading.

- 8.1.1 JFCH, *Personal Communication Devices* – Sandy Ricksgar explained the change in language does not change policy, but provides support to staff/principals to not allow personal communication devices in their classroom. The Board requested that Deborah share with principals their concern with personal communication devices in the classroom. Ackerman and Canby High were requested to report mid year on general school rules and whether this policy allows enough flexibility for a teacher to not allow personal communication devices in their classroom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Meeting reconvened at 6:31pm.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Guy Gibson called the Regular Session of the Canby School District Board of Directors to order on September 16, 2004, at 6:31pm, at Canby High School, Applied Technology Center. Board members present were: Guy Gibson, Dr. Mike Harms, Rod Beck, Sandy Ricksger, Marty McCullough and Dick Adams. Others present were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Karen Carroll, David Moore, Coleen Swihart, Lou Bailey, Ray Hughey, Cindy Coffaro, Ginny Jones, Pat Johnson, Ken Schuh, Jennifer Turner, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Mary Hochstetler, Emilio Ortiz, Tina Skiles, Andreas Gibson, Gavin Coble, Joe Minson, Michael Ross, Connie Devlin, Patrick Devlin, Drew Hinds, Allie Coutu, Michelle Hartley, Darien Coutu, Tami Hillyard, Diane Swagerty, Gail Vanatta, Maxwell Rounds, Will Greenleaf, Anne Jourdan, Kyle Bunch, Ann Ziehl, Kelsey Miller, Alex Joseph, Teresa Ellis, Hector Hernandez, Carol Kallesen, Justin Ross, Kaylyn Devlin, and others. Kyle Bunch, Doug Gingerich and Art Marine joined the meeting in progress. Sandy Ricksger led us in the flag salute.

2.0 CHANGE TO AGENDA: Deborah Sommer explained future agendas would be restructured to include Spotlight on Student Success, an opportunity for schools to present their learning activities, and student representatives from Canby High, Ackerman, and one of the elementary schools would report on school activities. She also shared workshop presentations would be based on one of the Board Priorities themes.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM:

School Activities & Update: Andreas Gibson, Senior at Canby High, reported ASB students attended the PAC 9 ASB conference to share information about activities in their schools, the first pep assembly was held, and based on crowd response, there was a lot of school spirit. LINK crew students answered questions of Freshman on September 8. Homecoming activities are being organized by Leadership for the week of October 11-16. The football game will be on October 15 and the Homecoming Dance on October 16. Soccer, volleyball and swim teams have also started and tryouts have been held for the fall play.

Lou Bailey, Principal at Ackerman Middle School, introduced 8th grader Gavin Coble. Gavin said WEB, Welcome Everybody, worked with incoming 6th graders and new 7th and 8th graders. He said the biggest concern of students was not having locker combinations. He also said hallways were crowded, but everyone feels safe. Cross country and volleyball have many participants and the students have completed their review of the student handbook. Gavin announced the Bank to School Family Night would be held on September 21.

Jennifer Turner introduced Allie Couto, 6th grader at Carus. Allie shared a fundraiser was held on September 9 to raise money for outdoor school. Community 101, a program that grants funds to non-profit organizations, is in its

third year. A new program has also started, Word of the Month. This month's word is RESPECT.

Spotlight on Student Success: Deborah explained the district is exploring a number of e-learning options for students. For two years Sharon Terry at Ackerman has offered e-learning classes, on a fee basis, through Brigham Young University, and this summer both Ackerman and Ninety-One offered courses through Salem Keizer School District, online options for alternative programs, and Clackamas Community College is now located on the high school campus. Coleen Swihart, CHS teacher, has worked on coordinating an online course for students in Bioethics. Coleen works with students in a forum that encourages conversations on policies and issues relating to Bioethics.

Pat Johnson commended Coleen Swihart for her efforts in developing and coordinating an online course for students, and for Drew Hinds' technical assistance in the student presentation.

Coleen introduced students Kaylyn Devlin and Joshua Ross. Joshua said he enrolled in e-learning to study bioethics, the ethical standpoints of biology. He further explained the forum is a thread based discussion and students share their points over the forum and other students and teachers can reply. A visual presentation of the forum and class syllabus was shared. Kaylyn said the class offers the study of topics not otherwise offered such as cloning, DNA research, stem cells, etc. Joshua said e-learning is a great environment for students with a broad range of learning styles. Coleen also thanked Joe Morelock and Drew Hinds for their technical assistance.

Doug Gingerich, Kyle Bunch and Art Marine joined the meeting in progress.

Deborah said the district has a lot to offer home school students and hopes to build a web academy.

Swim Center Update: Ken Schuh provided the upcoming schedule for the Canby Swim Club. He shared \$20,000 in world class starting blocks, made locally by S.R. Smith, will be in the swim center by September 2004. Olympic Athlete Anita Nall-Richesson will also conduct a motivational clinic December 12-19, 2004, and Ken asks for community support to help defray travel costs. Ken also shared the swim team supports the upcoming bond campaign and is interested in participating.

Other: Paul Farrar asked to reschedule a concert to October 21 and October 23. Deborah Sommer and Guy Gibson both shared he would need to check with the district facility scheduler as to the availability of dates. Mr. Farrar became agitated and Chair Gibson called a recess to the meeting at 7:28pm.

After Mr. Farrar's departure from the meeting, Chair Gibson reconvened the meeting at 7:29pm.

- 5.0 School Report/Comments by Board Members:** Dr. Mike Harms said the Friday Night Flights helicopter presented the game ball to Canby High alumni Lars Aamodt and Clive Powell before the start of the football game. He thanked Lars Aamodt and Clive Powell, along with Fred Bigej, for donating funds and labor for reorganizing the athletic department's equipment room.

Marty McCullough attended Eccles School's welcome back evening and also Ninety-One's ice cream social, along with Guy Gibson and Sandy Ricksger. Sandy said she was impressed with the number of older students in attendance.

Rod Beck shared he will be meeting with Ricardo Marquez and his staff at Trost next week, and Dick Adams said he experienced a sense of crowdedness at Ackerman and was interested to hear Gavin's comments from the kids' point of view. Dick also announced AMS Back to School night is on September 21.

- 5.0 Superintendent's Report:** Deborah Sommer presented the Association of School Business Officials Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award to David Moore and commended him, as well as Don Staehely, for their hard work and fiscal responsibility.

Deborah shared enrollment is up about 100 students on September 14 above Judy Barmack projections, however, enrollment numbers are still influx. Overall, it was a smooth opening. Deborah also commended Barb Kirwan, Manager of First Student Transportation, on doing a good job in getting students delivered safely and on time.

Building principals also shared comments. CHS principal Pat Johnson said it was awesome to be back with kids and described one new program this year - the Freshman house to establish a positive beginning for kids. Wednesday night (9/23/04) there will be a Freshman parent meeting.

Knight principal Tina Skiles said opening day went quite smoothly due to partnerships built with many of their parents. Grandfriends Day was held recently and 150 grandparents and grandfriends attended. Local singer Joni Harms entertained guests. Tina also shared PTA board members have contributed 200 hours of volunteer time.

Ninety-One: Diane Berthoin-Hernandez said opening day was very exciting for her as their new principal. Three very intense professional development days included team building, visioning, working on the communication plan, and learning the new student information system prior to the opening of school. A new safety plan for the front of the building was in place and was 100% successful.

Jennifer Turner, principal at Carus, said she, too, had a smooth opening with few problems in transportation.

AMS principal Lou Bailey said there were 1070 kids the first day of school, but everything was quiet. He said they have a tremendous group of positive and polite kids.

Deborah shared Trost principal Ricardo Marquez was away for a family funeral and Eccles principal Marilyn Wood was meeting with Read 180 parents. Eccles reported their enrollment was up 21 students.

- 7.0 Consent Agenda:** Chair Gibson explained that since the Executive Session had concluded early, the Board had earlier discussed Board policies on the Consent Agenda. A few of the policies were corrected and 7.3.6, IGBAJ, *Special Education – Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)* was withdrawn for further consultation with the Special Education Director.

MOTION: Rod Beck moved to approve items 7.1, Minutes of the June 12, 2004, Workshop Session, June 17, 2004, Executive and Regular Sessions, and August 9, 2004, Workshop Session; 7.2, Personnel Changes; and all Board Policies listed in 7.3 except for 7.3.6, IGBAJ, *Special Education – Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)*. Seconded by Sandy Ricksgger, motion carried 6-0.

8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 1st Reading – Board Policies

8.1.1 JFCH, *Personal Communication Devices*: The Board requested a follow up report from Pat and Lou mid year on use of personal communication devices. Policy will be brought before the Board next month for a second reading.

8.1.2 DJ, *District Purchasing*: Policy will be brought before the Board next month for a second reading.

8.2 Summer Academies Recap: Deborah commended Diane Berthoin-Hernandez for her work on the summer academies. Summer school is designed as a learning opportunity for all kids, not just at risk/remedial kids.

Diane and Anne Jourdan dedicated a mural to the Canby School District and the City of Canby in honor of our communities diverse past and in celebration of its future. Hector Hernandez, muralist, worked with students on research, use of tools and techniques to paint the mural. He explained the mural was designed to reflect the image of the community, with use of flowers and other cultural markers. Mr. Hernandez said it is

the students' wish that the mural be shared throughout the community starting with Ackerman Middle School. Guy Gibson thanked those individuals for their part in the beautiful mural.

Will Greenleaf and Diane Swagerty, instructors, gave a brief overview of their classes, Discovery Windows and the study of Babylon, AMS TV, Camp Aspire and Bats! Over 600 kids were enrolled throughout the summer. Max Rounds was presented with a certificate in appreciation and recognition of his dedication as a volunteer in the program. e-Learning student Kyle Bunch shared he will graduate 2nd trimester because of classes taken.

Diane applauded the efforts of those teachers who worked so hard.

- 8.2 Bond Update:** Co-chair Art Marine shared the committee is energetic and committed to getting the bond measure passed. He said signs are going up in high profile spots and people are encouraged to write letters to the editors of the Canby Herald and the Oregonian in support of the bond measure. He also acknowledged a gift for advertising time on TV from Willamette Broadband. Art encouraged supporters of the bond to lend their name for the 1000 Friends of Canby Schools endorsement, which can be submitted through the campaign website www.canbybond2004.com. A letter drop is also planned for October 16 and is coordinated by Barb Kirwan of First Student Transportation. Next committee meeting is September 29, 7pm at Cutsforth's.

Board member Marty McCullough, having worked on prior bond campaigns, commended Art and the committee for very effective and innovative ways on reaching out to a large number of people.

- 8.4 Refinance of 2000 Bond Update:** David Moore gave a brief update on the refinance of the 2000 bonds. He said the market conditions are still favorable and looks like the bond sale will take place. David said Dave Taylor of Seattle Northwest is working with two bond rating agencies in New York and San Francisco and, upon approval by the bond agencies, the bonds will be priced on Tuesday or Wednesday. The Board confirmed their support to have the bonds structured to front load the savings within the first five years.

LEED Update: Doug Gingerich recapped Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification is a more thorough and methodical process recommended by the architect and the Department of Energy for designing/building a new middle school that will be energy efficient and environmentally sound. The cost of extra design features is \$90,000 but the district can recover \$56,000-60,000 through grants and the Oregon Department of Energy for a net cost of \$30,000-34,000. That

amount would be recaptured through energy savings the first year of the new school's operation. There was consensus by the Board to proceed with the LEED process as it encourages those involved to be more accountable, brings pride to Canby, provides an opportunity as a learning atmosphere for all kids, and provides extended energy savings to the district over the life of the facility.

9.0 ACTION ITEM

9.1.1 JFCG, Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs: This was the second reading to delete references regarding fines imposed.

MOTION: Rod Beck moved to adopt Board policy JFCG, *Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs*, as provided in addendum 9.1.1. Seconded by Sandy Ricksger, motion carried 6-0. Rod noted this Board policy was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Other Items: Sandy asked that Local School Committees be listed as a future agenda item. Elections will be held next May and now is a good time to start research as to whether to continue with the committees.

Bond Update/LEED Update: Guy acknowledged that the refinance of the 2000 bond and the LEED certification are areas where the district is trying to save patrons money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Carroll
Board Secretary

Guy Gibson
Board Chair

Date: